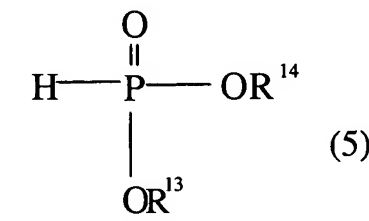
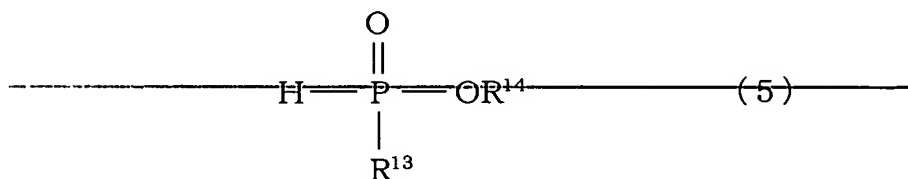
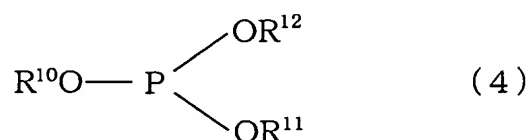


**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6, as follows:

As in the case of the heat-resistant expanded graphite sheet in accordance with a sixth aspect of the present invention, as the phosphorous acid ester, a phosphorous acid triester which is represented by the following general formula (4) or a phosphorous acid diester or a phosphorous acid monoester which is represented by the following general formula (5) is suitably used:

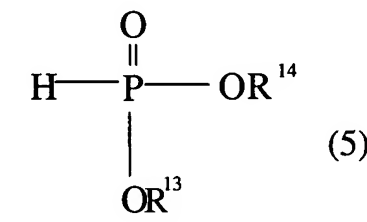
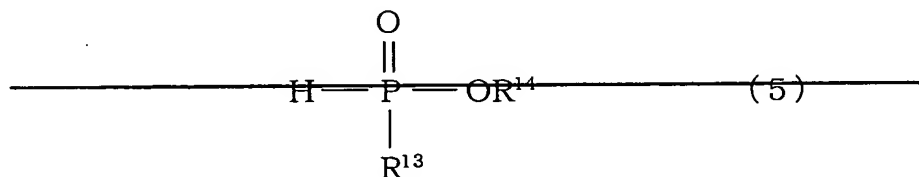
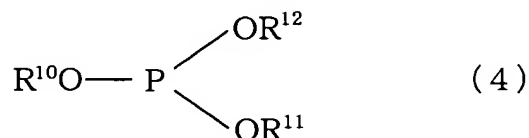


in the above formulae (4) and (5), each of  $\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$ , and  $\text{R}^{12}$  is an alkyl group having a carbon number of 1 to 10, an aryl group having a carbon number of 6 to 18, or an aralkyl group consisting of an alkylene portion having a carbon number of 1 to 10 and an aryl portion having a

carbon number of 6 to 18, and each of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having a carbon number of 1 to 10, an aryl group having a carbon number of 6 to 18, or an aralkyl group consisting of an alkylene portion having a carbon number of 1 to 10 and an aryl portion having a carbon number of 6 to 18, providing that a case where both of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen atoms is excluded.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 8, as follows:

As the phosphorous acid ester, a phosphorous acid triester which is represented by the following general formula (4) or a phosphorous acid diester or a phosphorous acid monoester which is represented by the following general formula (5) is suitably used:



in the above formulae (4) and (5), each of  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ , and  $R^{12}$  is an alkyl group, an aryl group, or an aralkyl group, and each of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl

group, or an aralkyl group, providing that a case where both of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen atoms is excluded.